



November 2022 Newsletter

To Honor & Give Thanks!



November is the time of year where we need to honor those who served and give thanks for what we have. A special thanks to Mr. Howes for organizing the 21st annual Veterans Day

Celebration. It was a spectacular event that was the first big one in a few years.

The Mead School PTO showed that they are thankful for our staff. The personal pies were a nice sur'pies' (surprise).



We would also like to honor the Mead staff that has moved on and give thanks to those new staff members who are excited to get started.

First, Brandon Straborny is our new 4th grade teacher replacing Mrs. Spillane. Mr. Straborny has been with Mead School for

the past 3 years working as a Kindergarten aide, intern, and student teacher while he was in school for his Masters in Elementary Education. He is very excited to work with a great group of 4th graders and to continue his tenure here at Mead School.

We would also like to welcome Ms. Rachel Snider. She is our new Music Teacher who is replacing Mr. Hudson. Rachel is a graduate from The Master's University School of Music in Los Angeles, California, where she earned a Bachelor's of Music degree with an emphasis in both Music Education and Vocal Performance. She has been a private vocal and piano coach for the last 10 years, in both California and Connecticut, where she found her passion in teaching music to students of all ages. Currently, Rachel is pursuing a Masters of Education through American College of Education. She is honored and excited to join the Ansonia Public School District as the new Elementary Music Teacher.



Mead's Got Spirit

This month's spirit week was all about honoring veterans. There were purple and yellow days as well as Jeans for Troops and a Superhero day.



Frozen Jr.

While we will miss Mr. Hudson and all he does for the play - the

show must go on. This year, Mead has the most students ever in the play!! Just look at all this talent! Ella Cwanek (Young Elsa), Zisel D'Costa (Young Anna & Middle Anna), Daniel Cruz (King Agnarr & Oaken), Eviana Stewart (Pabbie), Johnny Viteri (Kristoff), Warren Bryce (Duke of Weselton), Lauren Fowler (Townsperson), and the ensemble is Queen Anderson-Benton, Gisselle Fernandez, Maria Rivera, Cali McNeil, PJ Piccione, Annabelle Hernandez, Leah Clarke. It was a tough decision because there were so many talented students. Congratulations to all who tried out. Keep an eye out in May for the dates and times of Frozen Jr.

conquer the maze. In Ms. Testi's Maker Space students made balloon floats and aluminum boats!! And



last but not least, Ms.

Danuszar's students did watercolor paintings with pipettes, shaving cream rain clouds, and shaving cream sensory bags.

Highlights from Life Skills

Mrs. Hydar's class just recently collaborated with

Ansonia High School. Mrs. Hydar's class shared a snack they made, while the high school students helped them create a craft.



Congratulations are in order for Mrs. Hydar as well. She was recognized as one of the Charger Champions for her innovation,



The Great Duck Hunt

One of Mead's staff members decided to 'duck' the staff. It started with a few common places - the copy room, and bathrooms - but then grew into finding ducks in the classroom and on laptops. Some came



with witty phrases that just helped put a smile on our staff's faces. The Discreet Duck Distributor is still at large so the Duck Hunt continues...

Makers Gonna Make

New adventures await for students as the Maker Space program has spilled over into some of Ms. Parker's classes. If you've happened to see the library, you would have noticed lots of colorful tape on the floor in a very creative maze fashion. Students have to take a Sphero (robotic ball) and use an iPad to



dedication and leadership at the November Board of Education meeting.

PTO Corner

NEXT PTO MEETING: December 7 at 6 p.m.

You can check out the pictures on the Mead School PTO Facebook or Instagram page @meadschoolPTO.

Mark your calendars:

11/15 - 12/6 Cheesecake & Cookie Sale

12/7 - PTO Meeting 6 pm

12/12 - 12/16 - Holiday Gift Fair

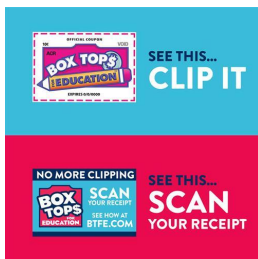
12/17 - Donuts with Santa

1/10 - School Store

1/30 - 2/24 - Autism Awareness Fundraiser

There are a lot of great events happening soon! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact meadschoolpto@ansonlaps.org.

Want to help fundraise but don't have the time? Get the Box Top app!! Once you sign up under Mead School, snap your receipt each time you grocery shop and watch the \$\$ add up. Use referral code: **TQKE7GJD**



Also, an easy way to help fundraise when ordering from Amazon is to use Amazon Smile. Just select Mead School PTO as your non-profit organization and shop on smile.amazon.com to help pay for events and field trips.



Want to join the PTO? Have questions? Ideas?
Contact PTO @ ptomeadschool@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

Kozies for Kiddos: PJ drive ends 12/16

12/7/22 - PTO Meeting - 6 pm

12/12/22 - 12/16/22 - ❄️🧑🏻‍🎄🎁 Holiday Gift Fair
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12/17/22 - 🧑🏻‍🎄 Donuts with Santa 🧑🏻‍🎄

12/23/22 - Early Release

12/24/22 - 1/2/23 - ❄️🧑🏻‍🎄 Winter Break - No school ❄️❄️

1/13/23 - Second marking period ends

1/16/23 - No school - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

1/17/23 - 🦋 Life Skills begins at Mead School 🦋

